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I cannot understand why Microsoft is getting most of what it wanted out of this settlement.

It seems as though Microsoft is getting off easy, since George W Bush has taken office,

From reading the final judgement, How can this judgement be considered fair when Apple Computer and Netscape Communications, Inc have both been adversely affected by the actions of Microsoft. What corrective action can be made after more than 10 years of destructive monopolistic activity?

I believe that consumers have been hurt by not being allowed to decide what browser they could use. I am affected EVERY DAY because I cannot use Netscape at work because my Company has 'standardized' on IE. I have two browsers loaded on my computer (Netscape and IE) at work because there are certain internal websites that have specifically been modified to work with IE only. What kind of standard is in IE if it has web content that allows a user to access a URL such as "I:\directory\file". This works OK with IE but does not work on Netscape because it IS NOT A URL by HTML standards approved by the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF). Netscape complains about this error but since most people (Because they were forced to use IE) have no problem with this 'URL' access, it is not considered a problem and people are then confused about what a URL is and continue to make non standard changes to web sites that only work with a NON-Standard IE.

-Sincerely frustrated,
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